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## “THE LITERARY FEAST”

By W. B. McCafferty, Ft. Worth Texas.

Mr. Webster, the cartoonist of the Press Publishing Co., The New York World, recently produced another of his superb cartoons, that so well illustrate the thrills of the small boy, in his “The Thrill That Comes Once In a Lifetime.” This time the scene is in the old hay mow. The small boy is sitting in the soft hay, near the loading window of the loft.

He has a stack of 5c novels on his right, and several scattered near his left side, while he is reading one, which he holds before him, with a look of wonder and awe depicted on his face. The following paragraph is written below the picture :

“A new stack of novels, consisting of : ‘Young Wild West Caught in a Cavern ; or, Arietta’s Shot in the Dark,’ ‘Young Wild West and Pinto Pete ; or, The Fight at Buckhorn Ranch,’ ‘Young Wild West and the Death Dip ; or, Arietta Baffling the Smelter Fiends,’ ‘The Bradys’ Fatal Clew ; or, A Desperate Game for Gold,’ ‘Ching Foo, the Yellow Dwarf ; or, The Bradys and the Opium Smokers,’ ‘Fred Fearnott in Manilla ; or, Plotting to Catch Aguinaldo’ and six new Pluck and Luckss——”

This will remind us of another of Mr. Webster’s cartoons, which appeared some time ago, in which he depicted the young boy—a reader of Young Wild West, Fred Fearnott, etc.—laughing to scorn the boy friend and chum who had dared to mention that he had read “Tom Sawyer” and “Huckleberry Finn,” by Mark Twain. The idea of such literature being on a par with Young Wild West and Fred Fearnott ! Why the poor simp didn’t even know what real literature was. Tom Sawyer, Indeed ! How could he compare to Fred Fearnott and Young Wild West ? Such ignorance was really inexcusable !

But this sophisticated young lad is simply a picture of you and me, about thirty years ago.

## MY DREAM

I dreamed the other night that "Barnum's Young Sandow" had started out with "The Boy Explorers" and "The Arctic Crusoes" to find "Ed, the Errand Boy" and Bonnie Prince Hal," who were "Wrecked at the Pole." On their way they met "Buffalo Bill's Boy Chum" and "The Gallant Trooper," who said that "The Boy Merchant" was "Loyal to the Last," and had just married "The Mountain Queen," and had settled down on "Nobody's Farm." When they reached the camp of "Jack, Jerry and Joe" they learned that "Van, the Gypsy" was "Wearing His Colors" and was spending "Six Weeks on the Moon" with "The Boy Fire King." Then I awoke, to find that I had been dreaming of "Happy Days" stories.

—Clipped by Wm. Erbe.

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By W. B. McCafferty

(Adapted from "Just Kids")

Scene: A Street in "Our Block"

Time: Good old "Novel Days"

Characters: Pat, Mushmouth and Jimmie.

Curtain rises 8:15 P. M. (After we had spelled "a-s-b-e-s-t-u-s" about 500 times, while waiting for it to rise) Jimmie and Pat overtake Mushmouth on the sidewalk.

Jimmie: "Hey, Mushmouth, c'mon up in the woods with Pat an' me."

Mushmouth: "Why, wot's up?"

Jimmie: "We're gonna play Custer's Last Stand. I'm gonna be Custer without gettin' kilt."

Pat: (interrupting) "Yeah, I'm gonna be Sittin' Bull and you kin be Buffalo Bill. We jest read Pluck and Luck No. 1149. It's called "The Boy Prairie Courier; or, General Custer's Aid."

Mushmouth: (with disappointed look) "I can't boy. I hafta go study my music lesson."

Jimmie: "Well, s'long Mush. If you hear any shootin', or see any whizzin' arrows, you'll know what's up." (Curtain)

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